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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL USG REPRESENTATION AT FEBRUARY 5 CELEBRATIONS

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1. WE HAD RECOMMENDED DECEMBER 27 IN REFTTEL THAT USG CONSIDER SENDING UN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE ANDREW YOUNG TO LEAD US DELEGATION TO TANZANIA'S FEBRUARY 5 CELEBRATIONS IN ZANZIBAR WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE ATTENDED BY MANY AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS STRENGTHEN OUR VIEW THAT THIS WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TIME.

2. IN UNUSUAL DISPLAY OF HOSPITALITY, TANGOV JANUARY 1 INVITED ALL HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN DAR ES SALAAM TO FLY AS GUESTS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY TO ZANZIBAR FOR THE FEBRUARY 5 CELEBRATIONS.

3. ON JANUARY 10, TANGOV ALSO INVITED THE USG TO SEND DELEGATION TO ARUSHA (NORTHERN TANZANIA) FOR FEBRUARY 1-7 TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF ARUSHA DECLARATION OF TANZANIA'S POLICY OF SOCIALISM AND SELF-RELIANCE. ARUSHA CELEBRATION KEY DATE IS ALSO FEBRUARY 5.

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4. WHILE DETAILS OF FEBRUARY 5 CEREMONIES, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN ZANZIBAR AND ARUSHA, NOT YET ANNOUNCED, IT SEEMS DEFINITE THAT TANZANIANS ARE SUCCESSFULLY BUILDING TOWARD A MAJOR GATHERING OF IMPORTANT AFRICAN LEADERS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT PERSONNAGES, AT WHICH THE CHIEF US DELEGATE WOULD HAVE A MAXIMUM FAVORABLE IMPACT ON THOSE WITH WHOM HE COULD MEET

INFORMALLY. THE NATURE OF THE GATHERING AND KNOWLEDGE THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAD BEEN IN OFFICE ONLY SHORT TIME WOULD PERMIT HIM TO LIMIT DISCUSSIONS AS HE SAW FIT, BUT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PRESENCE AT SUCH AN EVENT AT THIS TIME WOULD BE DRAMATIC EVIDENCE OF US INTEREST IN AFRICA. ACCEPTANCES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES THUS FAR INCLUDE PRESIDENT BARRE FROM SOMALIA; ZANZIBAR PREPARING FOR FIFTEEN HEADS OF STATE.

5. ZANZIBAR INVITATION (REFTEL) ASKED FOR THREE PERSON DELEGATION. ARUSHA INVITATION SUGGESTS TWO. WHETHER OR NOT AND HOW TWO CELEBRATIONS MAY OVERLAP NOT YET CLEAR. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE OUR BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO MOUNT THREE PERSON DELEGATION TO TANZANIA, HEADED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG, WHICH TOGETHER WITH AMBASSADOR HERE, WOULD ENABLE US TO DISPOSE OUR REPRESENTATION TO GOOD ADVANTAGE REGARDLESS EXACT TIMING AND FORM FESTIVITIES. SECOND TWO DELEGATES COULD BE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, EXECUTIVE BRANCH, OR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC FIGURES.

6. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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